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INITIAL SCAN BY NPIC OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REVEALS A BRIDGE CAMOUFLAGE

TECHNIQUE WHICH IS BEING OBSERVED THROUGHOUT NORTH VIETNAM. THIS TECHNIQUE UTILIZES PROBABLE BAMBOO MATTING WHICH IS EXTENDED DOWN FROM THE SIDES OF THE BRIDGE AT AN ANGLE THAT PRESENTS AN EARTHERM CAUSEWAY APPEARANCE. THE PIERS AND ABUTMENTS ARE USUALLY COMPLETELY CONCEALED. BRUSH, BUT NO EARTH, HAS BEEN OBSERVED ON THIS MATTING POSSIBLY TO INCREASE THE EFFECT OF THE CAMOUFLAGE. THIS TECHNIQUE IS APPLIED TO BOTH HIGHWAY AND RAILROAD BRIDGES. FOUR OF THE BRIDGES OBSERVED UTILIZING THIS TECHNIQUE ARE: THE CON SON HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER STREAM [REDACTED] AT 1942N 10541E; SAI THON RAILROAD BRIDGE OVER STREAM [REDACTED] AT 1938N 10542E; XOM CHONG BUI HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER STREAM [REDACTED] AT 2044N 10527E; AND A HIGHWAY BRIDGE ON ROUTE 704 AT 1941N 10541E, (BB).

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